

**SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
(Called by the Mayor)**

December 22, 2003

5:00 PM

Mayor Baines called the meeting to order.

Mayor Baines called for the Pledge of Allegiance, this function being led by Alderman Wihby.

A moment of silent prayer was observed.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Wihby, Gatsas, Guinta, Sysyn, Osborne, Pinard, O’Neil, Lopez, Shea, DeVries, Garrity, Smith, Thibault and Forest

Mayor Baines stated I have a couple of announcements before we begin. I would like to acknowledge David Wihby and his wife who are celebrating today their 25th wedding anniversary. Also, I would like to introduce Riley Yates who will be the new Union Leader report covering City Hall. He will be replacing Katie McQuaid who replaced Mark Hayward.

Mayor Baines stated I would like to nominate Martin Boldin for the position of Director of the Office of Youth Services.

Alderman Pinard moved to confirm the nomination of Martin Boldin for the position of Director of the Office of Youth Services. Alderman Shea duly seconded the motion. Mayor Baines called for a vote. The motion carried with Aldermen Garrity and Smith duly recorded in opposition.

Alderman O'Neil stated I know this is a special meeting and in light of some more recent events with Homeland Security and I know you have been staying on top of it but at some point in January can the Board and I am not sure if it is done in executive session or not be brought up-to-date on everything that is going on.

Mayor Baines responded I think that is a very good suggestion. Just to let you know, we did have a meeting today with all of the people involved in the City – Water, Airport, Fire, Police and other agencies and our Security Manager, Red Robidas just to make sure there was good communication between the Federal, State and local government. Obviously being

the largest City in the State that is something that we want to be very much aware of and pay a lot of attention to so I think that is a very good idea and I think we might have to do something like that in non-public session some time.

Mayor Baines stated the second question that I am asking the Board and I have had a chance to talk to a number of you privately about this, we are having our organizational meeting on January 6. Obviously that is not a good opportunity to get a lot of City business done. I am asking that we have a regular meeting of the Board the following Wednesday, which is January 14 and not have the meeting in January because that coincides with the U.S. Conference of Mayors meeting and I am on the Homeland Security Task Force and I would like to be present for that meeting.

Alderman Thibault moved to hold the second meeting of the Board in January on Wednesday, January 14, 2004. Alderman DeVries duly seconded the motion. Mayor Baines called for a vote. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Alderman O'Neil asked could the Clerk send out...you know the Aldermen love to get information and I am sure a lot of us would love to write it down this evening but a reminder on that change for the month.

Mayor Baines answered yes.

This being a special meeting of the Board, no further business was presented and on motion of Alderman Pinard, duly seconded by Alderman Wihby, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record Attest.

City Clerk.